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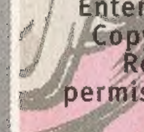


greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

As you read this, I'm preparing to return to my home planet! This means that this is the final **Control Zone**, but the good news is that next issue, you'll get your favourite comic strip as *soon* as you turn the cover!

With all this news, I almost forgot to mention that this issue includes **three new whip-cracking stories**. Plus there's your own artwork in the **Wild West Graphic Zone**. In fact, there's so much in this rootin' tootin' issue that Speedlines has made way for a much requested **Tails Pin-Up!**

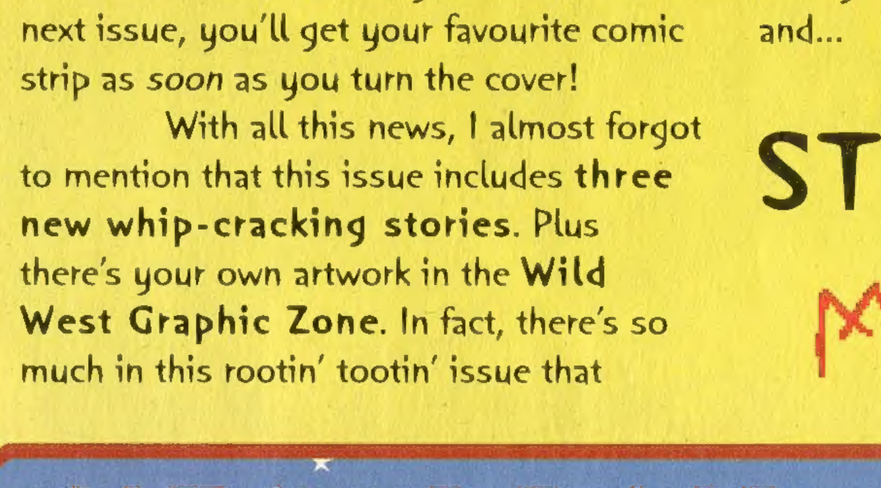
No doubt you'll be sad to see me go - and quite right too - but wouldn't you be homesick, if liked me you'd spent over five years on an alient planet!

I'd better get ready for blast off, but before I go, I guess you're wondering if I'll ever come back, but that would be telling! Thanks for a beautiful friendship and...

STAY COOL!

Megadroid

MEGADROID 'RIDES' INTO THE SUNSET!



As *STC* says *"adios"* to the irreplaceable Droid, remember that from the next issue of *STC*, the artwork action begins as *soon* as you turn over the front cover!

SONIC

NEW COMPLETE STORY

THE FORGOTTEN BADNIK

Script: NIGEL KITCHING • B & W Art: RICHARD ELSON
Colour: NIGEL KITCHING • Letters: ELLIE de'VILLE

IN AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL, EAST OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.

YOU WERE RIGHT, PRINGLE! WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WOULD HAVE HAD A SECRET BASE HERE NEXT TO THE EMERALD HILL ZONE?

AYE LAD, I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING ROBOTNIK'S ACTIVITIES FOR YEARS...

EVERYTHING I'D DISCOVERED LED ME HERE!

NOW I NEED YOU TO GET ME THROUGH THIS DOOR!

DON'T WORRY, BUD. WHEN WE DEFEATED ROBOTNIK, WE MADE SURE WE GOT COPIES OF HIS ACCESS CODES!

BIP BIP BIP

I'LL TRY THE MOST RECENT ONE FIRST!

IT WORKED, LAD...IT WORKED!

WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE? I'VE NEVER SEEN A BADNIK LIKE *THAT* BEFORE!

THIS IS ONE OF THE BASES ROBOTNIK USED IN THE OLD DAYS. MANY OF THE ***BADNIK ATTACKS*** ON THE EMERALD HILL ZONE WERE LAUNCHED FROM HERE!

YOU KNOW, THIS JOKER REMINDS ME OF THE *TROOPER BADNIKS* ROBOTNIK USED TO USE ALL THE TIME!

THIS IS A *PROTOTYPE!* THE NEXT GENERATION OF TROOPERS WERE GOING TO BE LIKE THIS...

BUT YOU DEFEATED ROBOTNIK BEFORE THE PRODUCTION LINE WAS STARTED!

KLONK!

AGGGGH!

NOW YOU'VE GOT ME PAST THAT DOOR, THIS BADNIK IS ALL *MINE!*

WITH HIS HELP, I'LL BECOME *THE MASTER OF MOBIUS!*

CHIK!

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS INSERT THE *ACTIVATION PROGRAM...*

IT WORKS! IT WORKS, WITH THIS BADNIK IN MY CONTROL THERE WILL BE NOBODY WHO CAN STOP ME!

HOWEVER, FIRST THINGS FIRST! BADNIK, DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

YES, I WAS CREATED TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

OH WELL, HERE WE GO AGAIN!

CHAKKA! CHAKKA! CHAKKA!

TYPICAL ROBOTNIK DESIGN... I'VE SEEN IT ALL BEFORE!

WHAKK!

HE TAKES A SPIN ATTACK PRETTY WELL... BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOMETHING GIVES!

SKAAK!

HAH! SOMETHING DEFINITELY CAME LOOSE THAT TIME!

NO! THIS BADNIK WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PERFECT KILLING MACHINE!

YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM!

BUDDY, ROBOTNIK HASN'T BUILT A BADNIK YET THAT I CAN'T SMASH!

CHAKKA! CHAKKA!

THIS IS FUN!

NO!

HAH! HE MAY HAVE MISSED YOU BUT THE CEILING WON'T!

HAH! WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG GONE, NOBODY CAN STOP US NOW!

COME ON, BADNIK, WE'RE LEAVING!

ZIKK!

AGGGH!

SILENCE! I WAS CREATED TO OBEY ONLY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

MY POWER IS LOW... I NEED AN ORGANIC BATTERY!

NO! YOU CAN'T USE ME... PLEASE, I HAVE PLANS!

OOOOOH...

I'VE GOT SECONDS TO ESCAPE BEFORE THE REST OF THE CEILING COMES DOWN!

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SAVE THAT IDIOT PRINGLE... IT'S HIS OWN FAULT FOR...

OH, WHO AM I KIDDING?

QUIT WRIGGLING, PRINGLE... I'VE GOT YOU!

I'VE GOT A SPLIT SECOND TO MAKE IT BACK TO THAT DOOR!

MADE IT!

WHICH IS MORE THAN CAN BE SAID FOR THAT BADNIK!

I TRIED TO KILL YOU AND YET YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ME...

WHY DO IT?

IF YOU'VE GOT TO ASK, PRINGLE, THEN YOU'LL NEVER KNOW!

END

NEXT ISSUE: THE HAUNTED ZONE!

NEW PART 1

AMY

OUT OF TIME

Script: LEW STRINGER ● B & W Art: BOB CORONA ● Colour: NIGEL DOBBYN ● Lettering: ELITTA FELL

EARTH. KANSAS, U.S.A., 1870...

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, BUTCH!

SHADDUP, SHERIFF! I'M TAKIN' WHATEVER VALUABLES THIS WAGON'S CARRYIN' AND *NO ONE* IS GONNA STOP ME!

WHOA! WHA- WHAT'S *HAPPENIN'?*

WE'VE ARRIVED AT OUR *NEW DESTINATION*, AMY!

SLAP BANG IN THE MIDDLE OF *TROUBLE* AGAIN, TEKNO!

S-STAY BACK, OR... OR I'LL FILL YA FULL OF LEAD!

WELL, IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WHO THE *VARMINT* IS IN THIS SITUATION!

WHUUFF!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP... UH... LADIES! IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, WHERE DID YOU ARRIVE FROM?

PLANET MOBIUS, ALTHOUGH THESE DAYS WE TRAVEL FROM ONE DIMENSION TO ANOTHER!

I DOUBT IF HE UNDERSTANDS ***INTER-DIMENSIONAL TRAVEL***, TEKNO! THIS IS OBVIOUSLY ***EARTH***, BUT AN ***EARLIER*** TIME PERIOD THAN THE ***LAST*** TIME WE VISITED!

HEY, YOU MIGHT BE ***STRANGERS*** AROUND THESE PARTS, BUT THIS ***FINE*** COUNTRY WELCOMES ALL ***KINDS***, AS FAR AS ***I'M*** CONCERNED!

THANKS, SHERIFF!

BESIDES, AFTER THOSE ***TIN MEN*** TURNED UP IN THE DESERT, ***NOTHING*** SURPRISES ME ANY MORE!

TIN MEN? DO YOU MEAN ROBOTS?

DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW ***WHAT*** YOU'D CALL 'EM! I ***DO*** KNOW THEY'VE BEEN SCARING OFF FOLK FROM GETTING ANYWHERE ***NEAR*** THEIR SETTLEMENT!

THAT EXPLAINS WHY WE'RE HERE! TO ***INVESTIGATE!***

I'LL CHECK IT OUT! WHICH WAY DO I FLY?

FLY? UH... DUE SOUTH... ABOUT TWO MILES!

SOON...

CONSTRUCTION ROBOTS... AND SOME KIND OF BASE!

INTRUDER! DESTROY!

ZZZAP!

YOWW!

UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE I'VE HAD IT!

YEEE- HAAA!

SQAAAK!

HEY, TEKNO! THE SHERIFF MADE ME HIS *DEPUTY!*

SHHHKK!

FOOOM!

INTRUDER! DESTR- *OOIIKK!!*

SMASH!

YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, METAL-HEAD!

EXPERIENCE OF FIGHTING *BADNIKS* COMES IN USEFUL AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

YEAH! BUT THESE CREEPS SHOULDN'T *BE* HERE!

FWAM!

THESE ROBOTS' DESIGNS ARE PRETTY *BASIC*, BUT THERE'S *NO WAY* THEY ORIGINATED FROM *THIS* TIME PERIOD!

ARE YOU SAYING THEY'RE FROM EARTH'S *FUTURE*?

CRRAKKLE!

FROM *1998*, TO BE PRECISE, AMY!

SOMEONE'S *MATERIALISING!*

SO, *ALIENS*, WE MEET AGAIN! HOWEVER, *THIS* TIME, YOU WILL *NOT* ESCAPE!

COLONEL GRANITE!

NEXT ISSUE: *PAST MASTER!*

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Amy goes native!

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NEW COMPLETE STORY

tails RAT RACE

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IT'S JUST ANOTHER DAY FOR OUR CRIME-CRUSHING FLYING FOX...
LOOK OUT! PIG ON ROLLER BLADES!
£
YOU WON'T CATCH THIS BANK-ROBBER, TAILS! SNORT!
OH NO!
SNAG!
GOTCHA! THAT'S THE ADVANTAGE I HAVE— NO OBSTACLES IN THE WAY!
FLUMP!

YOU WERE **LUCKY** YOU CAUGHT THAT THIEF, TAILS!

MAYBE, BUT THE MAIN THING IS, I **DID** CATCH HIM!

IGNORE HIM, TAILS! **RAT BRATT'S** NEW IN TOWN, AND A RIGHT **MISERABLE** RODENT HE IS TOO!

SO I SEE!

LISTEN, FOX! IF I TURNED TO CRIME, YOU WOULDN'T CATCH **ME** AS EASILY AS YOU NABBED THAT PIG!

I'D HAVE A GOOD TRY!

RIGHT! THEN I CHALLENGE YOU TO A **RACE!** I RUN, YOU FLY... BUT IF I **WIN**, YOU WON'T PATROL THIS AREA AGAIN, OKAY!

I'M NOT AGREEING TO **THAT!**

HEAR THAT, FOLKS? TAILS KNOWS THAT HE'LL **LOSE!**

HMM...

NO... WAIT! RAT IS **TWISTING** THINGS!

ALRIGHT... YOU'RE ON! I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN WIN IF I'M FLYING ANYWAY!

I'M QUIETLY CONFIDENT! *NYAK NYAK!*

NEXT DAY. THE RACE BEGINS!

ON YOUR MARKS... GO!

I DON'T KNOW WHY RAT'S GRINNING! I'M LEAVING HIM STANDING!

MAYBE I'LL SLOW DOWN TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

THEN AGAIN, HE NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON!

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WHOA! HOW DID YOU BEAT ME TO THE FIRST CHECK POINT?

SKILL, I GUESS!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW I DIDN'T SEE YOU PASS ME, BUT YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN!

ZOOOM!

I'LL POUR ON THE SPEED THIS TIME!

NO WAY! YOU MUST BE TELEPORTING OR SOMETHING!

NOPE! JUST FASTER THAN YOU! WANT TO QUIT OR SHALL I BEAT YOU ON THE LAST LEG OF THE RACE TOO?

I'M NOT BACKING OUT NOW! *GASP!*

WEIRD! THAT HELICOPTER'S BEEN FOLLOWING MOST OF THE RACE... I DON'T THINK IT'S A NEWS CREW! HMM...

THE FINISH LINE...

YESSS! I WIN!

YEAH, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW!

YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR POINT, RAT! YOU ARE FASTER THAN ME!

THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT, FOX!

IN FACT, I'D SAY YOU MUST BE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER RAT TOO!

TOO RIGHT!

WHAT?

BRUV! YOU'RE NOT TAKING ALL THE CREDIT! I WAS PART OF THIS SET UP TOO!

SHHH! IDIOT! YOU'LL RUIN EVERYTHING!

AS I GUESED... TWIN RATS!

EACH RAT TOOK IT IN TURN TO RUN EVERY OTHER LEG OF THE RACE, WHILE HIS BROTHER SECRETLY FLEW AHEAD TO THE NEXT CHECK POINT!

CHEATS!

I SUSPECTED THE SCAM WHEN I SAW THE HELICOPTER! I KNEW ONE WOULD RAT ON THE OTHER IN THE END!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: **TAILS IN *SKELETON CREW!***

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Sonic Terminator Part 2

Script: Nigel Kitching
Art: Richard Elson
Lettering: Steve Potter

SOUTH ISLAND ON PLANET MOBIUS.

LOCATION OF THE MANY HILL ZONES... GREEN, EMERALD AND OTHERS.

AT THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND IS THE FROZEN ZONE. A ZONE OF PERPETUAL WINTER.

IT IS ALSO THE LOCATION OF THE NORTH CAVE, THE SECRET PLACE WHERE SONIC HAS HIDDEN THE SIX CHAOS EMERALDS.

THAT IS, IT WAS A SECRET... UNTIL TODAY!

HAH! SONIC WILL MAKE PORK CHOPS OUT OF *LEWIS* WHEN HE FINDS OUT WHAT HE TOLD US!*

YUP, THAT PIG'S SURE GOT A BIG MOUTH, *CAP'N PLUNDER!*

*SEE LAST ISSUE — MEGADROID.

ALL RIGHT YOU POLTROONS, SPREAD OUT! A FLAGON OF RUM TO THE KNAVE WHO FINDS THOSE *CHAOS EMERALDS!*

MAKE THAT AN EXTRA LARGE *COLA* AND YOU'VE GOT A DEAL!

SONIC!

YOU DIDN'T *REALLY* THINK WE'D LET YOU WALK OUT OF HERE WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS, DID YOU?

YOU CAN'T STOP ME NOW, SPIKEBALL! FIVE OF YOU AGAINST ALL OF US? WE'LL TURN YOU INTO *FISHBAIT!*

SCRAG 'EM!

FISHBAIT? US? I DON'T THINK SO!

LET'S RUMBLE!

CHIK!
CHIK!
CHIK!
CHIK!
CHIK!
YOU BOYS DON'T KNOW ME VERY WELL...
HEY, HE... HE *MISSED* US!
YAAARGGH!
...I *NEVER* MISS!
YYYEEEOW!
OWW! THESE GUYS ARE *TOUGH!*
WATCH YOURSELF, PORKER!
K-CHINKK!
TH... THANKS AMY!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU *LAND-CRAWLERS!*

SORRY SONIC, I GUESS I SWOOPED TOO LOW... *:GULP!:*

NICE GOING, PIXEL BRAIN.

OK, PLUNDER, IT'S COOL. YOU'VE GOT THE EMERALDS. LET THE KID GO.

THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE OVER THERE... *TAKE THEM!*

BUT SONIC! THOSE EMERALDS ARE CHARGED WITH *PURE EVIL*!*

** PROFESSOR KINTOBOR TRIED TO RID MOBIUS OF EVIL BY ABSORBING IT INTO THE EMERALDS – THIS WAS BEFORE HE WAS TURNED INTO ROBOTNIK, OF COURSE – MEGADROID.*

THEY'RE HERE ALL RIGHT CAP'N!

QUIT YER JAWWIN' AND GRAB 'EM YOU IDIOT!

SONIC, YOU KEEP THE EMERALDS HERE BECAUSE IF THEY'RE NOT KEPT COLD, THEY BECOME UNSTABLE.

WHAT WILL THEY DO TO THE PIRATES?

THAT'S A *REAL* GOOD QUESTION, LITTLE BUDDY... LET'S FIND OUT.

SOME TIME LATER...

BRING US IN LOW, TAILS. WE DON'T WANT TO GET SPOTTED.

BE CAREFUL SONIC, GOODNESS ONLY KNOWS WHAT THE EVIL IN THE EMERALDS HAS DONE TO THEM!

I DON'T BELIEVE...

DIG IT

PEACE

HEY *SONIC BABY!* COME AND JOIN THE PARTY— WE'RE JUST CHILLIN' OUT, EXPANDING OUR KARMAS, FEEDING OUR MINDS AND ALL THAT *CRAAAZY* STUFF.

RIGHT... SURE!

I WANT THE CHAOS EMERALDS BACK, PLUNDER!

HEY, NO SWEAT, MAN! LIKE, ALL PROPERTY IS THEFT, *RIGHT?* THEY'RE YOURS!

GUESS I'LL BE RUNNING ALONG!

PEACE AND LOVE, MAN!

I GUESS THAT MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY *HORRIBLE*, SONIC!

I BET THE EVIL IN THOSE EMERALDS TURNED THE PIRATES INTO *HIDEOUS CREATURES*, OR SOMETHING!

NO PIXEL BRAIN, THE CHAOS EMERALDS *ABSORB* EVIL, NOT RADIATE IT...

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT IT *WAS* PRETTY UGLY. BUT, HEY– NOTHING *I* CAN'T HANDLE!

BACK IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, DISASTER STRIKES!

BRAKOOOM!!

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

LOOK, *UP THERE!* I CAN SEE SOMETHING! WHAT IS IT?

BRING ME SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

IT IS TIME FOR HIS *EXTERMINATION!*

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